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Carter makes history with mayoral victory



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Supporters applaud Melvin Carter III at St. Paul’s Union Depot on Tuesday night after he won the race for St. Paul mayor.

He becomes first African-American mayor of Minnesota’s capital with outright win

By Frederick Melo

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In a historic win, former St. Paul City Council member Melvin Carter III was elected mayor Tuesday night, earning more than 50 percent of the vote and overtaking his nearest rival Pat Harris by a wide

margin. Carter, 38, is the first African-American to serve as mayor in St. Paul. With all 96 precincts reporting after 10 p.m., Carter had 51 percent of the vote, Harris garnered 25 percent, and City Council member Dai Thao came in a distant third at 12

percent. Green Party candidate Elizabeth Dickinson garnered 5 percent, with former school board member Tom Goldstein at 4 percent. Five additional candidates earned about 3 percent of the vote between them. “(Melvin Carter) lives, breathes and bleeds the city of St. Paul. Our

families will be celebrating all year,” said childhood friend Nneka Constantino, a board member with the St. Paul Port Authority, who was among hundreds of Carter supporters gathered at the Union Depot on Tuesday night.

ST. PAUL MAYOR, 5A

Endorsed candidates sweep school board seats

Xiong, Foster, Brodrick all earned backing from teachers union and DFL Party

By Josh Verges

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Outstanding the field and backed by a wave of endorsements, two incumbents and a newcomer cruised to easy wins in Tuesday’s race for St. Paul school board. Marny Xiong, 28, a Minneapolis school administrator, led the six-way race with 31 percent of the votes Tuesday. Jeannie Foster, 44, an early childhood educator who won a special election for an open seat last November, tallied 25 percent en route to her first four-year term.

John Brodrick, a 73-year-old retired teacher, took 22 percent on his way to a fifth term. All three candidates earned endorsements from the city Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and teachers union, as well as the Pioneer Press and Star Tribune editorial boards. Xiong, who has worked for candidates and issue campaigns, said she ran for office because she’s been disappointed with large class sizes, aging buildings and the loss of students to charter schools. “Not much has changed since I

SCHOOL BOARD, 5A



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An election official discusses the ballot with a woman at the Oxford Community Center in St. Paul on Tuesday.

Ex-stadium security firm’s bills in question

Probe shows potential overbilling for U.S. Bank event; agency blames software glitch

By Dave Orrick

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Investigators are looking into whether the ousted security firm that worked U.S. Bank Stadium for its first year in operation overbilled for hours that were never worked, by security workers who were never there. Monterrey Security, a Chicago-based firm, handled security for the first 14 months of the new Vikings stadium — more than 600 events and round-the-clock building security — until it was fired in September after two investigations found a host of alleged problems. Among them: improperly training staff; not subjecting staff to state-mandated criminal background checks; and employing workers — including a convicted extortionist — with criminal pasts that bar them from working security in Minnesota. And potential overbilling, double-billing, or ghost-payrolling — charging for workers who didn’t work. Among the findings from one of the investigations: “Monterrey has employed highly questionable billing practices,” including invoicing — and getting paid for — workers

U.S. BANK STADIUM, 7A

Texas gunman escaped from mental health facility in 2012

Authorities detail methodical massacre inside church

By Eli Rosenberg and Mark Berman

Washington Post

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas — The gunman who opened fire in a church outside San Antonio, killing at least 26 people, escaped from a mental health facility in 2012 after he was caught sneaking guns onto an Air Force base and “attempting to carry out death threats” made against military superiors, according to a police report. The report said that officers with the El Paso, Texas, police were dispatched to a bus terminal after Devin Kelley’s escape from a behavioral facility about seven miles away in New Mexico. Officers wrote that they were told Kelley “was a danger to himself and others” at the time and noted that he “was also facing military criminal charges.” Kelley was court-martialed that same year and convicted of violently

CHURCH SHOOTING, 12A